



FIG. 3. Inflorescences and single basal leaves of *S. reniformis* (left), hybrid (center), and *S. missurica* (right).

more natural to retain species of *Besseya* in *Synthyris*—as was done up to the time of Rydberg (1903).

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NOTES AND NEWS

HOWARD E. McMINN.—Professor McMinn passed away at his home in Oakland, California, on August 25, 1963, after a lengthy illness. From 1918 to 1957 Mr. McMinn was professor of botany at Mills College. During his long career he published several books, the best known being "An Illustrated Manual of Pacific Coast Trees" and "An Illustrated Manual of California Shrubs," and comprehensive monographs of the genera *Ceanothus* and *Diplacus*. A detailed biographical account will be published in a forthcoming number of *Madroño*.